

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending and rejected by the examiner.

Applicants' have cancelled claims 1-7 and added new claims 17-29. New claims 17 and 26 are independent claims. Applicants have avoided vague and indefinite language and have particularly pointed out the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. Support for new claims 17-29 can be found in the detailed description as originally filed, more particularly on pages 11-13 and FIG. 5. No new matter was added.

For example, claims 17 and 26 recite "a local register instruction that loads one or more bytes within a local register with a shifted value of another operand," or similar language. Portanova (US Patent No. 4,992,934) neither describes nor suggest at least this claim feature. Accordingly, claims 17 and 26 are not anticipated by Portanova.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

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